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We sit here today waiting for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren to arrive to celebrate Mother's Day. And, now our entire day has been shattered by news that there is a newly formed state commission that has developed the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation (DRECP) plan. As we understand it, the goal of this commission is to create 33% of California's electric needs through wind and solar by 2020. And at this point one of the areas being considered is the 25,000 acres of recreation area located at El Mirage Dry Lake in Adelanto.

The Southern California Timing Association has been the only stewards since 1937 and within the last 10 years has formed a partnership with both the BLM and Friends of El Mirage to both preserve the lakebed and improve the overall recreational facility. This is the only partnership of this kind. El Mirage is the only facility in California that can accommodate landspeed trials, wind surfers, off-road vehicles, rock hounds and people who just want to get away.

In past years landspeed enthusiasts lost Muroc Dry Lake, Rosamond Dry Lake and Harper Dry Lake to the military; only El Mirage exists for speed trials. A majority of Johnson Valley off highway vehicle area is under consideration for military use, which if that happens will push these off road users into the El Mirage area. The 25,000 acres of El Mirage recreation facility will not be able to handle wind, solar and recreational use.

The landspeed community, Friends of El Mirage and the BLM have invested time and considerable money to make El Mirage a great place to recreate. The public owns these lands, it is what they are for, and this facility serves San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Riverside Counties and should remain as it is.

We are writing to ask you to consider the damage your decision can cause if El Mirage is chosen for the DRECP plan. Southern California residents deserve to right to continue using this facility for our enjoyment. Find another location that will not impact the public so severely.

Thank you,

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